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Dear Regional Administrator Enck:

As the President of the Nereid Boat Club, and as an avid rower on the Lower Passaic River, I'm writing to you today to express my concern about the Environmental Protection Agency's upcoming FFS completion.

I have been a member of the Nereid Boat Club for eight years and have served on Nereid's Board of Directors for six years. Though I did not grow up near the Passaic River, I did begin to realize the recreational opportunities that the Lower Passaic River could offer when my daughter, Katherine, began rowing for Montclair High School Crew, one of the top high school teams in the country. Katherine introduced me to the sport of rowing and, after she graduated from Montclair High School in 2009, I continued my rowing and my love for the River has only grown.

For years, the people living by the river have seen the Passaic as a blight on their communities. For me, before my daughter joined Montclair High School Crew, the closest I ever got to the Passaic River was when I was driving by on Route 21. The efforts of the Nereid Boat Club and others who use the River have helped to change that negative perception; now when they see our rowers on the River, I hope that they can see the River as a recreational amenity that they should use and enjoy.

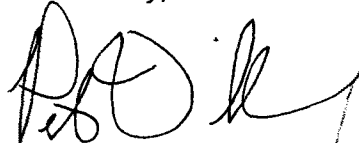
I strongly urge the EPA to consider all options before embarking on its cleanup efforts. If the EPA decides to move forward with its FFS, it will negatively impact our communities for decades, prevent our boat club and other members of the public from enjoying the River and do nothing to address the upper 9 miles of the River – in fact probably making that part of the cleanup more complicated.

I urge you to allow the RI/FS to be completed, examine all remedies for the entire 17 miles of the Lower Passaic River Study Area and strongly consider the Sustainable Remedy that has been proposed by the Cooperating Parties Group. This remedy will remove the greatest amount of risk from the river fastest and also reduce ongoing pollution that continues to enter the River every day.

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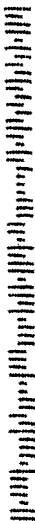
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